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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Okinawa Bureau--October 1981

I. GENERAL

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

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2. Coverage of the Shanghai newspaper WEN HUI BAO was transferred from Hong Kong to Okinawa beginning with the issue of 16 October.

3. On 16 October the bureau resumed recording of the Magadan Domestic Service 0755-0810 GMT newscast for processing by the BBC.

4. At the suggestion of Chief, Operations Group during his recent visit here, the bureau began a sampling

of Quezon City [] Television Service in English. Finding^{STAT} will be forwarded to Headquarters.

5. The bureau monitored on 18 October a KCNA wirephoto showing DPRK President Kim Il-song's prominent but often disguised growth on the back of his neck in what was probably a colossal oversight by KCNA. An FYI was sent describing the Kim photo and the picture was forwarded to a Washington consumer.

6. During the month the bureau initiated a capitalization (pinkie coding) experiment when the specially modified AF-11 RO printer was brought on line. Initial results were highly encouraging.

B. Cruising

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Editor [] returned from emergency visitation travel on 14 October, following the death of his father.

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2. Chinese monitor [] continues recuperation at home from September surgery for removal of a tumor from his neck. He is unable yet to set a date for his return to duty.

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3. Editor [] was TDY at Seoul Bureau 16-30 October.

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4. Processing continues for the two new Russian monitorial candidates [] We have been assured by Irv Eisenstein of USFJ that he is doing all he can to speed the candidates' applications for Japanese work visas. It now appears they will both be departing Australia for Okinawa early in December.

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B. Buildings and Grounds

The first steps toward providing more space to accommodate the ROSET equipment and two new Russian monitors were taken during the month. Chief monitor [] has a new office in a rear wing of the building. His old office is being renovated to accommodate two Vietnamese monitoring booths. The small Chinese booth now housing the Hellschreiber equipment will be converted to a Russian booth and linked to the present ROSET room, which will also be a Russian booth. The ROSET equipment is to be moved to the area now occupied by the sole Russian monitor and the Vietnamese monitors. In connection with the anticipated move of the equipment, 330 feet of heliax microwave cable was temporarily laid in place to help speed the installation.

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IV. VISITS

1. Regional Engineer [] was on TDY from 14-24 October STAT
at Bangkok and Hong Kong Bureaus.

2. Two TDY'ers from the embassy in Tokyo visited the bureau during the month: a medical technician to train selected bureau personnel in CPR techniques; and a communications specialist who trained and certified bureau staff communicators. On 2 November a security technician from Seoul visited the bureau to change safe combinations.

3. Tokyo embassy political officer Jan DeWilde visited the bureau for a briefing on 28 October. He was accompanied by Leroy Debold, deputy principal officer of the American Consulate in Naha.

4. Col. Phil Drew, vice commander of the 18th Air Division at Kadena Air Base, visited the bureau for a briefing on the 7th. He expressed an interest in the videocassette of Soviet Air Fleet Day, monitored by the bureau from a Soviet satellite transmission, and requested us to provide a copy of it, with English translation, for use with his pilots. Russian monitor [] will be doing this STAT
for him on a time-available basis. STAT

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Bureau Chief

Attachments:
Production Reports

cc: Chief, Bangkok
Chief, Seoul
Chief, Hong Kong